

River Permit Process and Analysis - 2008 Season

Arizona

River: **Salt River**, Arizona. Highway 60 to highway 288.
Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto/recreation/rec-permits-srpermits.shtml>
Phone (928) 402-6200 or 928 402-6236
Lottery Season: March 1 to May 15
Lottery Deadline: January 15th
Lottery Notification: by January 31st
Cost to enter lottery: \$10
Success rate: NA
Process: Unsuccessful applicants call after Feb 1st, put name on a wait list for a single date.
Comments: Will need tribal permit. Water level unpredictable, some years have no water. Class III-IV.

Colorado

River: **Yampa** in Dinosaur National Park
Website: <http://www.nps.gov/archive/dino/planyourvisit/privateriverrafting.htm>
Phone: 970 374-2468, spoke to Janet 11/27/07
Lottery Season: May 12 to July 12th.
Lottery Deadline: Feb. 1
Lottery Notification: by March 1.
Cost to enter lottery: \$15. If don't win the lottery, can apply the \$15 to non-lottery permit.
Success rate: 5/15, 4%. 6/1, 5%. 6/15, 3%. 7/1, 9%. Based on 2007 statistics
Application fee per successful launch: At 3%, \$500.
Non-lottery process: Call March 3rd or later if you put in for the lottery. Call March 10th or later if you did not put in for the lottery. Best time to call 11:30 to noon.
Comments: 1000 cfs for rafts. Jill Stecker ran canoes at 350-500 cfs, Judy spoke to one party of canoes that ran at 400 cfs. In 2007, the flow was below 500 cfs by July 4h, below 300 cfs by July 11th. 30% cancellation rate for lottery permits.

River: **Lodore Canyon of the Green River** in Dinosaur National Park
Website: <http://www.nps.gov/archive/dino/planyourvisit/privateriverrafting.htm>
Phone: 970 374-2468, spoke to Janet 11/27/07
Lottery Season: May 12 to September 12.
Lottery Deadline: Feb. 1
Lottery Notification: by March 1.
Cost to enter lottery: \$15. If don't win the lottery, can apply the \$15 to non-lottery permit.
Success rate: 5/15, 4%. 6/1, 5%. 6/15, 3%. 7/1, 9%. 7/15, 14%. 8/1, 14%. 8/15, 19%, based on 2006 statistics.
Application fee per successful launch: At 3%, \$500.
Non-lottery process: Call March 3rd or later if you put in for the lottery. Call March 10th or later if you did not put in for the lottery. Best time to call 11:30 to noon.
Comments: Can only put in for Yampa or Lodore, not both.

Idaho

River: **Middle Fork of Salmon**, put in at Boundary Creek.

Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/sc/recreation/4rivers/>

Phone: (208) 879-4101

Lottery Season: May 28 - September 3

Lottery Deadline: Jan 31st

Lottery Notification: by end of Feb

Cost to enter lottery: \$6

Success rate: June 1st, 18%. June 15, 4%. July 1st - 1.3%. July 15 - 2%, Aug. 1, 7%, Aug 15, 21% (Based on 2007 season)

Application fee per successful launch: At 2%, \$300.

Low season process: Call anytime after October 1st

Comments: Can only apply for one of the forks of the Salmon. Apply on line. 850 cfs? minimum for rafts at Middle Fork Lodge gauge. Some parties fly in downstream if water is low. Reported that kayaks and canoes can run in September most years.

River: **Main Fork of Salmon** Put in at Corn Creek.

Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/sc/recreation/4rivers/>

Phone: (208) 879-4101

Lottery Season: June 20 - September 7

Lottery Deadline: Jan 31st

Lottery Notification: by end of Feb

Cost to enter lottery: \$6

Success rate: July 1st - 5%. July 15 - 6%, Aug. 1, 8%, Aug 15, 23% (Based on 2007 season).

Application fee per successful launch: At 5%, \$120.

Low season process: Call anytime after October 1st

Comments: Can only apply for one of the forks of the Salmon. Apply on line. One source says "The river is never too low for boating". Wilderness River Outfitters runs guided canoe trips in late August. A pool-drop river. Shuttle over 400 miles one way.

Montana

River: **Smith** in Montana, Camp Baker to Eden Bridge

Website: <http://fwp.mt.gov/parks/recreation/smithriver/default.html>

Phone (406) 454-5840, 11/28/07, applications available Jan. 1, 2008

Lottery Season: April 1 to Oct 31 is permit season and lottery season.

Lottery Deadline: Feb 15th

Lottery Notification: mid-March

Cost to enter lottery: \$55, all except \$5 refundable if you do not win the lottery.

Success rate: 5/15, 14%. 6/1, 3%, 6/15, 2%, 7/1, 6%. 7/15, 44%, based on 2007 season

Application fee per successful launch: At 5%, \$100.

Low season process: Call 406-454-5861 after March 22nd.

Comments: Rafts need 250 cfs. Canoes need 150 cfs. Fewer people apply for Sunday launch dates.

New Mexico

River: **Rio Chama**, El Vado to Big Eddy, 31 miles

Website: http://www.nm.blm.gov/recreation/taos/rio_chama_wild_scenic_river.htm

Phone 505.758.8851, recorded info 888.882.6188

Lottery Season: May 1 to Labor Day (lottery for weekends only)

Lottery Deadline: January 31st

Lottery Notification: NA

Cost to enter lottery: \$6

Success rate:NA

Process: Call after April 1st for weekdays or cancellation. River controlled, may turn it on for weekends. Can put name on a wait list.

Comments: El Vado launch site privately owned, fee. Minimum flow around 100 cfs.

Utah

River: **Deso-Gray** on the Green

Website: <http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/price/recreation/riverinf.html>

Phone 435 636-0975

Lottery Season: NA

Lottery Deadline: NA

Lottery Notification NA

Cost to enter lottery: NA

Success rate:NA

Process: Call 435 636-3622 5 months before you want to launch, or call for cancelations.

Comments: First call gets the launch, so would need to call daily 5 months before your desired launch date. Season is mid-March to late November, with water reliably adequate during that period.

River: **San Juan**, Sand Island to Mexican Hat to Clay Hills crossing. 84 miles for both sections

Website: <http://www.blm.gov/utah/monticello/river.htm>

Phone 435-587-1544, 8 AM to noon.

Lottery Season: March 1 to October 31st

Lottery Deadline: February 1st

Lottery Notification: March 1st

Cost to enter lottery: Free, postcard application.

Success rate:NA

Process: Must call to receive postcard application. Call after March 1st for open dates or cancellation, but must have postcard application on file.

Comments: Popular in May and June, may be easy to get permit at other times. Can run lower section, upper, or both.